

PENALTY HELPS 'MOORS' TO CUP WIN

OVER 3,000 fans packed the Brewery Field and more were still coming in when Spennymoor kicked off against Wycombe Wanderers in perfect conditions for the Amateur Cup replay.

Spennymoor: Ellen; Defty, Berryman; Icton, Joyce, West; Morris, McGeorge, Fawell, Banks, Brown.

Wycombe W.: Bunting; Beck, Pullin; Maharg, Roystone, Lewis; Worley, Horseman, Lowen, Bolson, Hodge.

The game

After pressing from the start, Spennymoor were unlucky not to score after six minutes when West took a free kick on the right. Morris pushed it into the middle, only for McGeorge to have his shot stopped on the goalline by full back Beck, who breasted the ball away.

In the first Wycombe attack Bolson fired over the bar from a good position and then Spennymoor broke away and Brown tested Bunting with a hard shot.

Spennymoor kept up the pressure and Brown tried a low drive which Bunting did well to stop at the foot of the post.

The Wycombe defence were shaky under pressure but they packed their goal well when Fawell, McGeorge and Brown each shot at goal. Spennymoor were showing some good touches of skill and had the visiting defence on the run.

Still the home side attacked and still the centre half Roystone and his defence kept them at bay. Free kicks began to come the Spennymoor way as the Wycombe men tackled hard.

After 25 minutes Roystone was unlucky to handle the ball and from the penalty kick **BROWN** put the home side ahead.

The visitors now began to fight for the ball and from a Worley free kick they were unfortunate not to equalise. Inside left Bolson met the ball first time, but it struck the bar before bouncing clear.

"OFFSIDE" GOAL

Play was going from end to end at a fast pace but it was still Spennymoor who held the initiative. Ellen had to dive at the feet of Lowen to stop him from scoring and then at the other end Brown had a powerful left foot drive held by the Wycombe goalkeeper.

The excitement died away a little towards the interval as Wycombe began to come more into the game.

After 42 minutes Wycombe equalised with a surprising goal by **LOWEN**, who seemed to be standing well offside when he got the ball ten yards from the goal and was allowed to go on and score.

A minute later, however,

MORRIS made it 2-1 with a great shot from about 30 yards out.

Half-time:

Spennymoor	2
Wycombe W.	1

MORE PRESSURE

Within seconds of the restart Wycombe came near to scoring when Horseman flicked the ball sideways and Berryman was forced to give away a corner kick that was cleared.

Spennymoor gained a right wing corner that was also fruitless and then McGeorge had to receive treatment for an ankle injury.

Slowly Spennymoor began to press again and Banks ran through and shot over the bar from the edge of the penalty area.

Goalkeeper Bunting was in great form as he punched a Brown corner away and then came another



B. ELLEN

free kick to the home side as Banks was brought down.

Berryman again took this only for Bunting to save again. More home pressure followed and another Brown corner kick was cleared. Soon after Banks shot narrowly wide from the edge of the penalty box.

Wycombe went all out to get an equaliser but Spennymoor held out to get a deserved win. Near the end Fawell twice went close to scoring.

Result:

SPENNYMOOR	2
WYCOMBE WANDERERS ..	1

Attendance 4,500

Spennymoor 2 Wycombe 1

A GREAT first half display earned Spennymoor the right to meet Barnet in the next round of the F.A. Amateur Cup.

Continuous pressure by the Spennymoor attack was only stopped by Wycombe defenders standing alongside their goalkeeper, Bunting, underneath the bar.

Spennymoor finally scored through outside-left Brown who converted a penalty kick in the 25th minute after Wycombe centre-half Roystone had handled the ball.

Wycombe centre-forward Lowen scored the equaliser in the 43rd minute but less than a minute later Spennymoor were in the lead again when right-winger Morris fired the ball from 25 yards out.